

Appl. No. : 09/652,113
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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. By the foregoing amendments, claim 25 has been amended. Claims 1 – 3 and 37 - 74 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4 – 36 are pending in the application.

ELECTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I (claims 4 – 36).

CONCLUSION

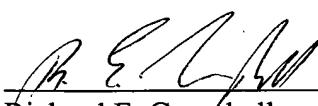
The Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, amendments to the claims, the reasons therefor, and arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claim set are presented above. Any claim amendments which are not specifically discussed in the above remarks are made in order to improve the clarity of claim language, to correct grammatical mistakes or ambiguities, and to otherwise improve the capacity of the claims to particularly and distinctly point out the invention to those of skill in the art. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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